

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-20, drawn to a lens assembly for sunglasses, classified in class 359, subclass 159.
- II. Claims 21-26, drawn to a method of injection molding, classified in class 264, subclass 1.7.
- III. Claims 27-33, drawn to a method of coating an eyewear lens, classified in class 427, subclass 162.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP § 806.05(f)). In the instant case the eyeglass lens may be manufactured via a grinding process.

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During a telephone conversation with Mr. Glenn Webb on February 9, 2004 a provisional election was made without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group II, claims 21-26. Affirmation of this election must be made by applicant in replying to this Office action. Claims 1-20 and 27-33 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Darryl J. Collins whose telephone number is 571-272-2325. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 - 5:00 Monday - Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Georgia Y. Epps can be reached on 571-272-2328. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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